COMPLAINS OF THE BEAM

Schooners arriving at Halifax, N. S., from the banks recently report fine catches. The Ella M. Rudolph hailed for 30,000 pounds of fresh fish which was sold to the North Atlantic Fisheries at five cents a pound.

The schooner Matanza, Wentzell, discharged some 7000 pounds of fresh halibut and had 170 quintals of cod in salt, which she will not discharge until her arrival at LaHave. After taking on some fresh bait the Ella M. Rudolph cleared again for the

Captain Wentzell stated that they would have done much better had it not been for the fishing of a beam trawl which was fairly dredging the very bottom of the ocean and scooping up everything. He said that so long as this type of vessel existed, fishing schooners would stand no chance and that the fishing industry would eventually be ruined if the trawl was allowed to continue her work of destruction. Not only did this scraping of the sea bed destroy the young fish but also ruined the feeding grounds. Capt. Wentzell hoped, like many other masters, of fishing schooners, that the assurance of our government to the United States that the use of this destructive fishing gear would be prohibited in Canada and Newfoundland if the United States government would join in this form of protection of that inexhaustible harvest of the North Atlantic Fisheries-inexhaustive so long as they are fished in the present economical way, but by no means inexhaustible so long as this gear was permitted.-Halifax Chronicle.

USED A GAFF TO GATCH HALIB

Mel Darling of South Portland is sure some fisherman. While out in his Hampton boat Thursday fishing about 12 miles south southerst of White Head he was greatly surprised at seeing a hig halibut on top of the water in close proximity to his boat. Mel just reached for him with his gaff and got a good firm hold, and although the fish struggled desperately in his efforts to escape he was quickly subdued and in less than 15 minutes was hauled aboard the boat. On reaching Portland the fish was landed at Daggett's on Portland pier, weighing with his head on a trifle over 200 pounds. On cleaning a miscellaneous lot of articles were found in the stomach, including pieces of trawls and a bunch of about a dozen cod hooks. It was a pretty day's work for the stalwart fisherman he having quite a lot of market fish in addition to the big one.

Here to Fit For Seining.

Sch. Nellie Dixon is down from Boston to fit for mackerel seining under Capt, Rufus McKay.

STRONGLY DENIES FISH MONOPOLY

Boston Fish Exchange Head Asserts Object Is Not to Control Prices or Prevent Competition-Old T Wharf Plan Raises Wordy Row.

South Boston are indignant over the statement of John White, Jr., of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation to the effect that a fish monopoly exists. After a meeting of the directors of the Boston Fish Market Corporation Saturday, William K. Beardsley, manager of the fish exchange, made a formal denial of the charges of monopoly.

"There is not now and never has the wholesale fish dealers." been," said Mr. Beardsley, "a monopoly of the fish industry. Monopolies in products as perishable as fish are not easily obtained. The scope of the business; the uncertainty of the market make a monopoly impossible.

Explains Methods.

"All fish sold here is sold at auction. And the competition between those wanting fish is keen. We do not permit any one to come in and buy, for the reason that the exchange is responsible for every contract made on its floor. If a man buys a cargo of fish at a certain price he is obliged to keep his agreement with the skipper. If he does not the exchange takes the fish off the captain's hands and pays him the price agreed. We will not bar any reputable wholesale fish dealer from the exchange floor. If his financial standing is satisfactory he can do business here. We have space to rent now. We asked every wholesale fish dealer in Boston to come over to the new pier. They cannot call that monopoly. Those who took advantage of the offer are satisfied. We can accommodate more and will be glad to

cargoes bought by members referred to by Mr. White is held as a sort of trust fund. Eventually it is returned to the members. It is primarily to be used for improving the business. But not a cent will be spent without the consent of the man owning the money. We recently returned to members of the exchange a large sum.

Driven from T Wharf.

"A tax of 1 per cent, is levied on the sale price of each skipper's catch. But the exchange handles most of the clerical work connected with the sale and furnishes the skipper with money in bills of denomination that makes payment to the crew easy.

"So far as the state and city officials are concerned I think it is an insult to them to say they are attempting to aid us establish a monopoly. They hound-

Fish dealers at the new fish pier in and were largely responsible for our the grounds, all patiently mail coming here. They wanted the fish the spurt. business out of Atlantic avenue. The city officials were tired of having well dressed people ruin their clothes. The sanitary conditions there cried to high heaven. Now they are rid of the fish business, and it is not to be expected they will look with favor on any attempt to re-establish it there."

"This Exchange was formed in 1908, and incorporated to regulate the dealings between the fishing captains and

"If the captain does not see fit to accept the highest bid he leaves his fish aboard his vessel and goes to some other market. Thus last week, nearly a dozen vessels went to Gloucester with their catches, as their captains were dissatisfied with the prices offered here.

"Once the fish is in the dealers' hands, it is his. He makes his own price on it. There are 45 firms on this pier, and investigation will show that there is hardly a day when two of them are offering fish at the same price. Since the organization of this Exchange, a financially reputable wholesale dealer sound. could always get a ticket to the Exchange. We have many members who are not stockholders.

"The State co-operated with us in the construction of this pier and is in a way responsible for our being here. It is neither reasonable nor just to assert that the State is co-operating with private interests seeking to form a monopoly.

"Visitors are always welcome to this pler, and the inside workings of the New England Fish Exchange are always open for their inspection."

Must Keep Up to New Standard.

"What the dealers now doing business at the new wharf demand is that fish houses elsewhere shall maintain the same high standard of sanitation that is maintained here," said a prominent dealer at the new wharf Satur-

selves to great expense to build and Watts, has taken off her equip a rat-proof and germless fish- will go on the ways for an own in response to oft-repeated complaints from the health authorities that T wharf and its surroundings were unfit for the purposes of landing, storing and packing fish. Besides the great initial expense of building the pier and superstructure, our running expenses are double or treble what they were on Atlantic avenue.

"It only seems reasonable, fore, that fish markets elsewhere in ed us for years at the old T wharf Hoston should be compelled to toe the ute. will carry.

same mark. To permit other cupy the quarters from which driven out is manifestly unfa

What Mr. White Said

Mr. White had been quoted "It may not be generally that the wholesale dealers in organized a combination amon pelves, the object of which is trol prices and prevent compe outsiders. About five years New England Fish Exchan formed, and the membership stricted to certain firms, with of exercising a control over and distribution of all tish li

Cape Shore Fleet Sig no Schools.

No mackerel schools have y sighted by the fleet down on the Shore, although several vessels

From Liverpool, D. C. Mulhall that the weather there Friday easterly and a dense fog pre Weather indications pointed to ing Saturday.

New York Arrivals,

At New York this merning 22,000 fresh mackerel were lan the netters as follows:

Conquest, 1500 fresh mackerel Holly, 600 fresh mackerel. Charlotte, 1800 fresh macket W. H. Reed, 3200 fresh mack Reliance, 800 fresh mackerel Wood and Mack, 300 fresh m Anna, 1200 fresh mackerel Golden Eagle, 400 fresh mat Jessie, 150 fresh mackerel. Priscilla, 600 fresh macerel Florida, 3000 fresh mackerel Clara T., 2100 fresh macker Lear C., 1100 fresh macker Lucy B. Winsor, 1700 fresh m W. H. Clements, 600 fresh III Diana, 1800 fresh mackerel. Harry and Thelma, 1500 fresh

Trap Took Macketel

The Cranberry Head trap a mouth took three large mack the Sanaford trap eight last Th

Seiners at Liverpool, N.

The following seiners were erpool Wednesday and cleared Veda M. McKown, Imperator, E. Harty.

Last Year's Catch to Date

The catch of mackerel by thern fleet to date is 4935 b compared with 5875 barrels same time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel week ending May 21, was 2001 This compares with 2229 ba 1913, same week and 1161 but 1012.

Will Be Overhauled.

Sch. Commonwealth, Captain

Being Repaired.

Str. Quoddy is at Vincent having her forward deck plan other repairs made.

Halibut at Portland

Sch. Hattie L. Trask is al today with 7000 pounds free

FRESH FARES

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.50 to sait. Fresh mackerel, 11c per 1b. SEEM TO DRAG WHOLE FARE HERE TO SPLIT

Few Haddock Sell at \$2 at New Fish Pier-Large Cod Up a Bit.

Boston prices at the opening this rning were little better than they e been several days, a baker's dozfares being on hand when the maropened at 7.30 o'clock.

th halibut; Richard J. Nunan, 81,-pounds; steamer Swell, 55,000

Vholesalers quoted these prices, \$1 \$2 a hundred for haddock; \$3 to 0 for large and \$1.75 for market \$1.25 to \$1.60 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

he arrivals and receipts in detail

ch. Buema, 2000 haddock, 25,000 2000 pollock.

ch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 2000 had-32,000 cod.

h. Arbitrator, 14,000 haddock, 11,cod, 2000 pollock.

h. Olivia Sears, 3400 cod.

Josephine DeCosta, 11,000 had-21,000 cod, 4000 pollock. Minnie, 2000 cod.

. Swell, 54,000 haddock, 900 cod. Richard J. Nunan, 16,000 cod, hake, 10,000 cusk, 5000 pollock. Ellen and Mary, 33,000 had-14,000 cod, 6000 hake, 13,000 3000 halibut.

ch. Lucania 12,000 haddock, 32,000

h. Progress, 14,000 haddock, 11,cod, 2000 pollock.

W. H. Moody, 27,000 cod, 3000

ch Hortense, 1000 haddock, 9000

addock, \$1.60 to \$2 per cwt.; large \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75; ock, \$1.25 to \$1.60; cusk, \$2.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

andline Georges codfish, large, er cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers,

eorges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; lium, \$4,25.

rift cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4. usk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2;

addock, \$2.00. ake, \$1.80. ollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

olitting prices:

addock, \$1.10 per cwt. estern cod, large, \$2.40; medium,

astern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, snappers, 75c.

all codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 nds less than above.

usk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.20;

esh halibut, &c lb. for white, and

Sch. Leonora Silveira Brings 90,000 Pounds—Two Others Bring Part Fares.

The "big show" the largest in were schs. Ellen and course was sch. Catherine Burke with ry, 66,000 pounds and 3000 pounds her halibut and salt fare, the halibut selling to the New England Fish Company, while her salt cod was on the market.

Down from Boston Saturday afternoon there arrived sch. Leonora Silveria with 90,000 pounds fresh fish which went to George Perkins & Son to split. Other arrivals were schs. Eva Avina with 10,000 pounds and Margaret Dillon, 40,000 pounds. The boats landed some small pollock and herring while this mornsteamer Nora B. Robinson brought in 20,000, pounds of pollock which sold to split.

The gill netters and Italian boats had two good days over Saturday and Sunday, most of the fish selling to the splitters.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail sch. Catherine Burke, Gulf of St.

Lawrence, 60,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Jeanette, Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 450 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Eva Avina, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Leonora Silveria, via Boston,

90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, seining, 12 bbls. small fresh pollock, 21 bbls. fresh her-

Str. Joppaite, seining 21 1-2 bbls. small fresh pollock.

Trap boats, 20 bbls. small fresh

Str. Medomak, gill, netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 20,-000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Gasoline boat Roger, shore, 465 lbs. fresh pollock.

Saturday's Gill Netting Fares.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 4000 lbs.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Italian boats, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Saladin, Cape Shore, seining.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shacking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, shacking.

Adeline, shacking.
Spray, haddocking.
Albert W. Black, haddocking. Sch. Edith Silveira, shacking.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges, handlin-

Fitting for Netting.

J. Alfred Conway will take sch. Mary Emerson mackerel netting.

DECIDE FLITCHES NOT GREEN FISH

Board of Appraisers Overrule Protest of P. C. Parkhurst Against Payment of Duty on Canadian Shipment-Hold Goods Are Practically Boned.

Salt, or "firtched" halibut is not "green fish," according to a ruling of the Board of Appraisers in a decision recently rendered, which overrules the protests made by Percy C. Parkhurst of this city against payment of duty on a consignment of Canadian salt halibut to this city, which the importer contended should rightfully be classified "green," or raw material.

On December 31, 1913, the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company of Prince Rupert B. C., consigned a car of 30,000 pounds flitched halibut Mr. Parkhurst, which sold at nine and one-half cents a pound. The car was entered at Richford, Vermont and the collector of port assessed a duty of three-quarters of a cent pound.

Mr. Parkhurst protested the payment on the ground that the flitches were green fish and not prepared or manufactured and that they were neither skinned or boned. As codfish not prepared are entered free of duty as green fish, the imported took the position that salt halibut which was to be smoked naturally would come within the same classification as green or raw product. Hence the protest, which, however, is over-

Text of the Decisions.

A full text of the ruling follows: (T. D. 34440.

No. 35547, Fletched Halibut-Fis

Protest 732769 of P. C. Parkhurst Brown, Gen. Appraiser: The me chandise in question consists of larg halibut, about 3 feet long, cut into halves and the backbone tal en out, the skin remaining on the ba of each fish it being salted for prese vation. It was classified by the colle tor under the last clause of para graph 216, Act of 1913, reading, "fish

skinned and boned, three-fourths 1 cent per pound, and it is claime to be free of duty under paragrap 483, reading "fresh-water fish, an all other fish not otherwise specially provided for in this section." O course if either skinned or boned, is specially provided for in paragrap 216. The importer claims that whill the backbone is removed it is no boneless fish. After a careful amination of the sample we are con vinced that it is substantially boned The removal of the backbone, in effect removed with it most if not all, of th other bones and we hold that boning, even if every individual bon was not removed, would bring th

merchandise within the meaning Congress when it used the express "fish, boned." Therefore the prot is overruled.

A Hatchery Pork Barrel.

Parties may come and parties may go, but the log-rolling methods in vo-gue from the beginning of the govern-ment continue the same. The House home from a Cape North and halibu committee on merchant marine and trip, being the first fisheries has reported to the House a fisherman to arrive from that place bill providing for hatcheries in Alaba-There seems to be no immediate pros ma, Arizona, Washington, Colorado, pect this year of the Illinois, North Carolina, Oklahoma, the shackers. Florida, Oregon, Louisiana, New York and Maryland. In other words, enough states have been given hatcheries to make sure that the pork today, barrel will go through, and soon the Bureau of Fisheries will be saddled General report this morning at Eta with the care and operation of a lot du Nord, Grand Entry, Amherst, ple of worthless hatcheries in order that ty; House Harbor, Grindstone, be a few meritorious propositions might be provided for.—Pacific Fsherman.

Not So Soon This Year.

A year ago Saturday, May 24, Cap

Bait Reports.

Queensport, May 21-Herring scare

Amherst Harbor, M. I., May

The local codfish situation has been MGFSH-ARE Wasl cargo has arrived from the stations, Philabut this has given an abundant supply soste for the local market, and there is no New eastern demand at present. Another I cargo is expected early in May, and Chic there is nothing to indicate that the lleve market will retain any firmness from C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish

De Company, says: "Our power schooner St. arrived early on the morning of April Ch 20 with 500 tons of new, fresh-caught codfish from our various stations at Pirate Cove, Unga, Pauloff and Johnsons. Bot This did not comprise quite the whole Ph lot caught, but made a full cargo for the Portland Express and Advertiser make it rather difficult for the De-Ne the vessel. The weather has been good says editorially: anin around the islands this winter, and at The Department of Commerce and market for it particularly along the We the date of sailing there was no snow the Bureau of Fisheries admit that the coast. In the inland sections of the visible on Sanak Island, which is un-fisheries are seriously menaced by the Country where little is known about usual at this time of the year. is in line with advices received by the of the present remedial suggestions of- characteristics of the fish, the high Pitts salmon packers, and indicates an early fered in the form of proposed legislacost of living may induce the poorer yew season in Bering Sea. The fish had tion. They withhold approval of bilk people to revel in the many dishes that Inc set in around the islands at the time presented by Congressman Hinds, undoubtedly can be prepared from the t. I the vessel left, and the Bering Sea Senator Johnson and others which in canned article. At any rate the re-From fleet, some of which were passed by substance provide for a bounty of not sults of the experiments in feeding this the Golden State on her way home, less than two cents per dogfish and re- dogfish to the people instead of rehils will probably find favorable weather ducing works scattered along the coast ducing them into fertilizer will be oste and good fishing awaiting them on their arrival in the sea. This would be verting them into fertilizer, oil, etc. in contrast with last year, when the Apparently the Government officials great bulk of the fish were caught in consider this plan feasible enough, but the latter part of the season. And it impracticable because of the expense. Fresh fish at Boston last week tostill further indicates the probability The proponents admit the expensetalled 2,181,410 pounds from 63 fares of a great overstock this coming fall, but claim that the money is returned from 63 arrivals for the corresponding Fishermen were plentiful around the to the people many fold because of the fom 63 arrivals for the corresponding Chi islands, and, barring accidents, St. shall have all the fish from the sta- This point, however, seems not to ap-Cir tions that we can sell this summer. The peal to the powers that be, local trade is quiet; the demand from the Atlantic Coast has ceased alto- to create in the people of the United steamer gether, as their own new fish are be- States an appetite for dogfish as an Bor ginning to come in; and the Latin- attempt has recently been made to steamer Mascot shore seining. Ne American trade has stopped as usual create an appetite for mussels. So egs) at the close of Lent. Our market is far as the fishermen are concerned, therefore considerably restricted, and it is not likely that they will take exthe fish are moving very slowly as ception to any means so long as the compared with last month. There is, desired end is brought about. The however, no marked change in price, dogfish are destroying their business. which has held steady for several To a man they claim this. months, and we see no prospect of any serve food fisheries of the North At-real increase of business, but rather lantic coast these rapacious sharks a gradual decline, with the advent of must be thinned down. It is not to warmer weather and the increasing be expected that they can be exter-

codfish at the stations, and we have arrive with a capacity load about the If the Government can create a mar-first week in May. Our advices are ket for dogfish as a food fish, the fishhrev that the weather around the Alaskan islands has been very severe, and the dump out his dogfish on the fish fish did not set in till about the first week in April, thus causing the stations to miss the usual heavy fishing in March. Therefore the production from the stations will be smaller than great deal of discussion and some in- Company at eight cents a pound for in a normal average season. When our teresting facts should develop, Quite white and six cents for gray. clan last wireless was received, the weather extensive experiments in canning dog-tvent had moderated and the fishing was fish were made a few years ago in Nogood. The outlet in our home markets va Scotia and finally they were aban- trip 50 miles to the northeast next month, with shipments to the in- strong, oily, and offensive tasting that which was spent in the ice.

ing the Spanish war in the Philippines."

THEY FIT TO EAT

The Proposition Is Now to repulsive appearance of the dogfish Create a Public Appetite for Them.

This dogfish, but they refuse to endorse any the habits or appearance or we immense dividends in conservation week of 1913.

Now the proposition is to attempt supply of vegetables and fruits, with minated, but experiments have proved lower prices for eggs and other foods, that their numbers can be minimized | With the largest fare of frosh hal. erman will with equal equanimity salt cod and 4000 flitches. wharves along with his hake, hadwares.

know yet what effect the war in Meximer Republican administration and which hampered fishing operation of which hampered fishing operation will have on the San Francisco business. This is one of the main points for istration, overtures were made by Magdalens and baited, being the obtaining supplies for the warships, fishermen to furnish cargoes of dog- craft to arrive there and ball and there will perhaps be an extra de- fish as a ration for the army and navy. season. On May 12 and 13, the Car mand for all foods, similar to that dur- The first offer was bluntly refused, lier and Harmony arrived there while the chief of the Commissary later, the John Hays Hamp Department did not deign even to re- These crafts then went to the ply to the second.

A member of the firm of the Gorton-Pew Fish Company at Gloucester stated it as his opinion that dogfish were unfit for human food because they were so strong, and oily and because the flesh softened and started decomposing so rapidly after being taken from the water. Possibly it is a natural repugnance because of the that prejudices those who know this shark against any consideration of its virtues as a food fish. Presumably in order to comply with our pure food laws canned dogfish could not be called Mexican salmon or any thing other Under the caption, "Eating dogfish, than dogfish. This would be likely to partment of Commerce to create a

Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Going Shore Seining.

Albert Sadler is going in Capt. Water Witch, shore seining. Capt. John W. Brymer is to have

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Olga was at Liverpool Wednes-The day and cleared.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, arrived at Liver-To pre- pool, Thursday last and cleared,

Battled the Ice for Five Weeks.

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska be carried on. So the main point is to largest in recent years, sch. Catherine Ground fish could be had for a Ground fish could be had for a get rid of the dogfish. If the Governwireless message from Alaska, stating ment chooses to pay a bounty to the Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, ar- anything that one offered and a that our schooner Allen A. was loading fishermen, the fishermen will deliver rived here late Saturday afternoon was quoted at 1 1-20, a lb, and codfish at the stations, and we have their catches cheerfully to the reduce

> The Burke was deeply laden and dock, cod, cusk and other saleable she anchored out in the stream until last. this morning when she took out her The proposition is sure to arouse a fare, selling to the New England Fish

Five Weeks Battling Ice.

Capt, McDonald secured his fine is limited now, as is not unusual after doned because it was found that after Bird Rocks. The craft has been ab-Lent, but we look for a better trade a year in the cans the flesh was so sent for seven weeks, five weeks of terior if it is not too hot. We don't nobody would eat it. Under the for-fields of ice were encountered off Rose Branche and at the Magdalens,

where the Burke left them starting for home.

Hard Season at Rose Blanche

It has been a hard season for Rose Blanche fishermen, Capt. M Donald says. The boats have do nothing at all on account of the and the fish have passed up the Gi

The Burke on reaching the G the fish immediately up reaching the ground and the loaded her down.

"Little Dan" as he is popular known, is keeping up his old tir clip and few trips of this sort put him in way ahead in the high class in which he is now the leader,

Big. Early Fares Last Year.

It was just a year ago tomer that sch. Yakima, Robert Whar landed a nice halibut fare here for the Gulf, his hail being for 55 pounds fresh halibut, 30,000 pou salt cod, 10,000 pounds fresh fish 600 flitches. The crew shared \$180 a man.

May 17 last year, sch. Caval Capt. Robert Porper, brought in W. pounds fresh halibut, 25,000 por salt cod and 4000 flitches, and on l sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Du landed an 80,000 pound fare at

There was an overproduction of in both the salt and fresh water kets last week, and at closing on Friday it was virtually impo to give away stock. There was one variety of salt water fish the high-priced, and that was shad. it not been for the glut of other reties, shad would probably been 35 per cent, higher in price

Western white halibut broug fish on Saturday last, sold at 13 Mackerel on Friday brought cents as against 35 cents on Satu

The arrivals were as follows: May 16.—Bertha Saturday, May Pearl, 4,700 bluefish.

18.—Benjamin May Monday, May 18.—Best Ca Latham, 3,700 bluefish; A. S. Ca 3.900 bluefish.

Tuesday. of 2,200 bluefish.

Thursday, May 21.ber, 5,200 bluefish; Griswold I 5,500 bluefish; Kearsarge, fish; Ruth Martin, 3,500 high Friday, May 22.—Edith M. P. 700 bluefish; Mascot, 4,000